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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER WHICH THE
EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO EXCHANGE WITH MEXICAN ATTORNEY
GENERAL OJEDA PAULLADA (VICE REFTTEL).

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. ATTORNEY GENERAL:

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A. IN CONFIRMATION OF RECENT CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN

OFFICIALS OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS RELATING TO THE COOPERATION BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES TO CURB THE PRODUCTION AND TRAFFIC OF OPIUM POPPY AND OPIATE DERIVATIVES, I AM PLEASED TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO IN ITS EFFORTS TO REDUCE SUCH TRAFFIC.

B. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL PROVIDE A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY THREE MEXICAN HELICOPTER PILOTS AND EIGHTEEN MEXICAN MECHANICS. THE TOTAL COST TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL NOT EXCEED NINETY TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (DOLS 92,000.00).

C. THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO AGREES TO PROVIDE AIRCRAFT FOR THE TRAINING PROGRAM, AT ITS OWN EXPENSE. FOR THOSE PORTIONS OF THE TRAINING WHICH ARE PERFORMED IN MEXICO, THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO AGREES TO PROVIDE SPACE, STORAGE, SHELTER AND OTHER INSTALLATIONS AT NO COST TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OR PURSUANT TO SUCH FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AS MAY BE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON BY THE PARTIES. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AGREES TO REIMBURSE THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO FOR ALL REASONABLE AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO FOR SERVICES AND FOR CONSUMABLE ITEMS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO PROVIDES OR PROCURES IN SUPPORT OF SAID TRAINING PROGRAM. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL REIMBURSE THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO THROUGH THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN MEXICO FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND PER DIEM OF THOSE TRAINEES WHO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES FOR THEIR TRAINING.

D. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL BE PLEASED TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO FOR FINANCING OF ADDITIONAL MEXICAN HELICOPTER PILOT AND MECHANIC TRAINING NECESSARY FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO'S POPPY ERADICATION EFFORTS.

E. IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO, THIS LETTER AND YOUR REPLY SHALL CONSTITUTE AN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

F. I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE TO YOU THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND ESTEEM. SINCERELY, UNQUOTE.

3. ACCORDING TO PLANS WORKED OUT BY JOINT COMMISSION DURING RECENT VISIT OF USG INTERAGENCY TEAM, MOST OF

PILOT TRAINING WILL TAKE PLACE IN MEXICO, WHEREAS
MOST MECHANIC TRAINING WILL BE IN U.S. USE OF GOM
HELICOPTERS FOR THIS TRAINING WILL BE IN MEXICO. CAPTAIN
VIDEZ OF A.G. AVIATION DIVISION WORKED ON PLANNING OF
THIS TRAINING AND IS FULLY INFORMED OF PROPOSED PROGRAM
CONTENT, WHICH VARIES ONLY SLIGHTLY FROM THAT DESCRIBED
REFTEL, ALTHOUGH COST SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED DUE TO LESS
TRAVEL AND PER DIEM.

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